

US 12 project

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Project handout

The purpose of this US 12 improvement project is to address the safety and capacity deficiencies along this highly traveled, two-lane roadway between Sauk City and Middleton, Wisconsin.

This proposed improvement is intended to:

- Reduce the high number of crashes involving injuries and fatalities
- Meet current and future traffic volume demands
- Provide transportation system continuity that is compatible with both the intended highway use and state planning efforts

This section of US 12 is classified as a principal arterial collector highway. Current traffic volumes along US 12 are nearly 12,000 vehicles per day and are projected to increase to over 15,500 vehicles per day by 2019.

Selected alternative

After careful evaluation of a wide range of alternatives identified for detailed study in the Environmental Impact Statement, the Four-Lane Divided Expressway/Freeway Alternative was selected as best meeting the purpose and need objectives of this project.

More specifically, the selected alternative consists of the following:

- In Sauk City - Improvement to the signalized intersection of Phillips Boulevard/Water Street and widening of the Wisconsin River Bridge. The new bridge will have two lanes of traffic into Sauk City and one lane of traffic toward Middleton, wide shoulders for bicycle traffic, and a protected sidewalk for pedestrian traffic.
- Between Sauk City and Middleton - Construction of a rural four-lane divided expressway located on or near the existing roadway. The expressway will have at-grade access to adjacent properties.
- At Middleton - Transition of the rural expressway to a four-lane divided freeway bypass located west of the existing US 12. The bypass will have access only through grade-separated interchanges -- similar to the access on the West Beltline around Middleton/Madison.
- Right-of-Way acquisition is anticipated to begin in 2000, while construction activities are scheduled to begin 2002.

Design team

Strand Associates has been selected by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to lead a team of local engineering firms to provide the final design of the US 12 from Sauk City to Middleton. The team includes KL Engineering, MSA Professional Services, and Westbrook Associated Engineers.